

**PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:46PM. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Mayor Fyfe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and roll call was taken.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Bergen Record and The Ridgewood News, informing the public of the time and place according to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

Also Present: Borough Attorney, Joe Voytus, Esq.; Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmember Cudequest	Councilmember LaMonica - absent
Councilmember Curry	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Ghassali	Councilmember Talarico

**ORDINANCES**

None

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Agenda Items Only

A motion to open the meeting on agenda items only by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest - all ayes

**NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

A motion to close the meeting on agenda items only by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Talarico - all ayes

**MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

Agenda Items Only

**MINUTES:**

October 29, 2013

A motion to accept the minutes by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Ghassali - all ayes

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**183-2013 Amending Resolution 180-2013 Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #09-30000 / 18 E Grand Ave**

**WHEREAS**, a redemption has been made on Certificate #09-30000, Block 2410, Lot 11 also known as 18 E Grand Ave; and

**WHEREAS**, the lien holder, Stonefield Investment Fund 1, LLC is due an additional foreclosure fee in the amount of \$1,257.00;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to send payment of \$1,257.00 to Stonefield Investment Fund 1, LLC, 21 Robert Pitt Drive #202, Monsey, NY 10952, ATTN: Ashley Anisfeld

Introduced by: Councilmember Ghassali; seconded by Councilmember Curry - All ayes

**184-2013 Authorize Refund / Recreation 30+ Basketball / Herman Celikel**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, due to an injury, Mr. Celikel, cannot continue to participate in the basketball program and is requesting a refund in the amount of \$75.00; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer shall receive a copy of this resolution for processing.

Introduced by: Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Curry - All ayes

**185-2013 TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, certain transfer of funds for various 2013 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for transfers from appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose for such appropriations, to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that the transfers be made between the 2013 budget appropriations as follows:

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
General Appropriations Operations – Within “CAPS”		
Salary Adjustment Account Mayor and Council:		\$100.00
Salaries and Wages		\$100.00
Salary Adjustment Account Borough Clerk:		500.00
Salaries and Wages		500.00
Planning Board:		
Other Expenses	8,000.00	
Financial Administration:		
Other Expenses		8,000.00
Planning Board:		
Other Expenses	10,000.00	
Legal Services and Costs:		
Other Expenses		10,000.00
Police:		
Salaries and Wages	40,000.00	
Police:		
Other Expenses		40,000.00
Public Buildings and Grounds:		
Other Expenses	20,000.00	
Road Repair and Maintenance:		
Other Expenses		20,000.00

**BOROUGH OF MONTVALE**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

Maintenance of all Vehicles:		
Other Expenses	10,000.00	
Road Repair and Maintenance:		
Other Expenses		10,000.00
Planning Board:		
Other Expenses	20,000.00	
Road Repair and Maintenance:		
Other Expenses		20,000.00
Planning Board:		
Other Expenses	2,500.00	
Sewer System:		
Other Expenses		2,500.00
Salary Adjustment Account	500.00	
Plumbing Subcode Official:		
Salaries and Wages		500.00
Salary Adjustment Account	500.00	
Fire Subcode Official:		
Salaries and Wages		500.00
	<u>\$112,100.00</u>	<u>\$112,100.00</u>
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Introduced by: Councilmember Ghassali; seconded by Councilmember Talarico - All ayes

**186-2013 Amending Resolution #142-2013 Waiving Redemption of Tax Credit Overpayments For Owners Who Purchased Property Subsequent to the Overpayment**

**WHEREAS**, the following parcel should have been included as an exempt property in Resolution #142-2013; and  
**WHEREAS**, the current homeowner paid the amount due of \$999.80; and  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to refund Lovell Pinto, 134E N Kinderkamack Rd, in the amount of \$999.80

Introduced by: Councilmember Ghassali; seconded by Councilmember Lane - All ayes

**BILLS:** Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report.  
Motion to pay bills by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico - All ayes  
Councilmember Cudequest abstained on bill # 00502

**REPORT OF REVENUE:** Municipal Clerk read the Report of Revenue

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
**Councilmember Ghassali**  
Administration  
All departments have been given their budgets to work on;  
Planning Board  
Next special meeting for DePiero will be November 25th

**Councilmember Curry**

Local BOE

New assistant principal is Victoria Hickey;

Recreation

Tree Lighting is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>; Fall programs have begun;

Board of Health

First Thursday and Fourth Monday will be blood pressure screenings at the senior community center;

Construction

Ahead from this time last year; total permits increased from last year;

**Councilmember Talarico**

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes

Tri-Boro

45 calls; 704 miles; 53 hours; 166 crew hours all by Montvale

Local Assistance Board

Dry goods are helpful but most helpful are gift cards because of the monetary value and can be used on a broader scale.

Councilmember Talarico thanked everyone for being re-elected;

**Councilmember Lane**

Fire Dept

35 calls it was a busy month of October; moving forward with the status of the firehouse;

Finance

Looking forward to the 2014 budget process, he would like to keep everyone informed of how the State would like all municipalities to proceed financially to better understand the budget process.

Councilmember Lane also thanked everyone for being re-elected

**Mayor Fyfe**

Library

12,857 circulation; 7,260 patron visits; 21 new cards issued; thanked everyone for another successful book sale;

Councilmember Ghassali is asking for any residents interested in helping with the budget process in the upcoming months;

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Joe Voytus, Esq.

Report/Update

- a. Working with borough planner to move forward for School #2

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Borough Planner / Proposed Process for School #2

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Fyfe appointed Councilmember Ghassali as Deputy Police Commissioner; Councilmember Cudequest is back as the liaison to the Planning Board;

**COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Upon recognition by the Mayor, the person shall proceed to the floor and give his/her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Unless further time is granted by the Council, he/she shall limit his/her statement to five (5) minutes. Statements shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, without recognition by the Mayor.

Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest  
- All ayes

**Carolyn Salata Duck, 76 Magnolia Ave**

Submitted a petition of residents regarding speeding on Magnolia Ave;  
After a brief discussion, it was decided to notify the police department to monitor the speed;

A couple of residents near the Valley View pump station mentioned to the council to consider at budget discussions to repair the pump station;

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane  
- All ayes

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

**ADJOURNMENT** The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held November 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn Public Meeting by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico - all ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

**Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk**